

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
WOOD ELEMENTS FOR MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENTS, WOOD ELEMENTS FOR  
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OBTAINED  
THEREBY, AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT  
THEREWITH

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Examiner: M. L. Dixon

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2006, rejecting claims 1-13,  
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.